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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT: VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF COMMUNIQUE
DISCUSSION

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REFS: (A) STATE 151472, (B) USNATO 6028, (C) USNATO 5948

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1. CHARGE INFORMED NATO EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT JUNE 15 OF
US OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE TO CIRCULATION OF VERBATIM
TRANSCRIPTS OF WASHINGTON SUMMIT SESSIONS. HE DREW FULLY
ON GUIDANCE REF A AND SUGGESTED THAT THREE DELEGATIONS NOW
IN POSSESSION OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE DISCUSSION TRANSCRIPT
SHOULD BE ASKED TO RETURN THEM TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD PASS OUR REACTIONS
TO THE TURKISH AND GREEK DELEGATIONS.

2. TURKISH DCM BALKAR SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED CHARGE AND ARGUED
THAT THE TRANSCRIPT SHOULD BE CIRCULATED. IN TURKEY'S VIEW,
THE IS NEED NOT HAVE CONSULTED WITH DELEGATIONS ABOUT THE
QUESTION. BALKAR NOTED THAT THE COMMUNIQUE DISCUSSION DID
NOT TAKE PLACE DURING THE SUMMIT RESTRICTED SESSIONS.
CHARGE ARGUED THAT TRADITIONALLY THE COMMUNIQUE DISCUSSION

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TRANSCRIPT HAD NOT BEEN CIRCULATED. BALKAR WAS NOT PERSUADED
EITHER BY THAT POINT OR BY OUR ARGUMENT THAT THE SUMMIT
WAS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE CANDID COMMENTS AND THAT INCREASED
CHANCE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COULD DISCOURAGE SUCH EXCHANGES
IN THE FUTURE. BALKAR SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER THE
ISSUE TO ANKARA.

3. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL REMAIN IN A HOLDING PATTERN UNTIL IT HAS FURTHER REACTION FROM TURKEY AND GREECE. WE HAVE RETURNED OUR DRAFT COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT.

4. WHILE VERBATIM RECORDS OF THE COMMUNIQUE DISCUSSION WERE NOT CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER 1976 MINISTERIAL, VERBATIMS OF THE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS AT NON-RESTRICTED SESSIONS DURING MINISTERIALS (AND SUMMITS) HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN GIVEN NORMAL NATO SECRET DISTRIBUTION. THUS VERBATIMS OF ALL BUT THE RESTRICTED SESSION AND COMMUNIQUE DISCUSSION AT THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT WERE ROUTINELY CIRCULATED AS NATO SECRET DOCUMENTS C-VR(78)22 ON JUNE 5, 1978. COPIES WERE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SUBREGISTRY ON JUNE 6 (REGISTRY NUMBER 780625).

5. WE ARE REPEATING REFTELS TO EMBASSIES ATHENS AND ANKARA. GLITMAN

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